

(116) Please replace the third sentence on page 8, lines 10-13, with the following replacement sentence:

The flanges or skirts 48' and 48" are integrally formed on the sleeve and are shaped similarly to the flange 48 of FIG. 2, having interior surfaces 86 and sealing surfaces 88.

In the Claims:

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 2 and 6. Amend claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9, and add new claim 12.

1. (Amended) A device for sealing a cavity comprising an interior surface, said device comprising:

a sleeve;

a molded skirt integrally formed on the sleeve comprising an interior surface and a sealing surface;

A1 wherein the sealing surface has substantially the same shape as the interior surface of the cavity; and

wherein the sleeve and the molded skirt are constructed from an electrically insulating material.

A2 3. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the sleeve and the molded skirt are constructed from elastomeric material.

4. The device of claim 1, further comprising:
a wiping land.

Sub B1 5. (Amended) A device for sealing a cavity comprising an interior surface, the device comprising:

a sleeve comprising a longitudinal axis and an insertion end;

A3 a molded skirt assembly integrally formed on the sleeve;

wherein the skirt assembly comprises a first integral section extending in a plane which is substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis; and

wherein the skirt assembly comprises a second integral section comprising an interior surface and a sealing surface that extends along the length of the sleeve in a direction opposite to the insertion end such that there is a gap between the interior surface and the sleeve;

A3 wherein the sealing surface has substantially the same shape as the interior surface of the cavity; and

wherein the molded skirt is constructed from an electrically insulating material.

AA 7. (Amended) The device of claim 5, further comprising:
a wiping land located between the molded skirt assembly and the sleeve insertion end.

8. The device of claim 5, wherein said device is constructed from elastomeric material.

Sub B1 9. (Amended) A method of sealing an opening of a cavity comprising the steps of:

inserting a portion of a structure through a sleeve of a sealing assembly, the sealing assembly having a molded skirt constructed from an electrically insulating material;

A5 inserting a section of the structure including portion of the structure inserted through the sealing assembly into the cavity through the cavity opening so that the molded skirt is in sealing contact with the inside surface of the cavity wherein the molded skirt comprises a sealing surface that has substantially the same shape as the interior surface of the cavity.

10. The method of sealing an opening of a cavity of claim 9, wherein said sealing assembly also comprises a wiping land.

11. The method of sealing an opening of a cavity of claim 10, further comprising the step of:

cleaning a portion of interior surface of said cavity using said wiping land.

12. (New) ~~A device for creating a seal between an electrical contact and a cavity in an electrical connector, comprising:~~

~~a sleeve;~~

~~a molded skirt integrally formed on the sleeve comprising an interior surface and a sealing surface;~~

~~wherein the sealing surface has substantially the same shape as the interior surface of the cavity; and~~

~~wherein the sleeve and the molded skirt are constructed from an insulating material.~~

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the above-identified application by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1 - 11 are currently pending. In the Office Action, the following objections and rejections were made:

- objections were made to the drawings;
- several formal objections to the specification were made;
- claims 1 - 4 and 9 - 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite;
- claims 1 - 3 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,075,935 to Panigati (the Panigati patent);